

New Bedford June 28th

Friday afternoon 1839

Dear Anne,

As you wished ^{me} to write
the last of the week, I will, though I have
nothing particular to say. I go on in the
same sleepy way as ever, & all attempts to
keep myself excited are vain. Indeed I
should be glad to be abed most of the
time. You may imagine how low I
must have got, to feel so. ~~My~~ Your letter
came Tuesday night & it was a great comfort
to me, for it seemed before that as if
all communication between me & the
civilized world were cut off. The first of
the week I am looking all the time for
a letter, & the last for the Liberator & in
that way I get through the week. Yester-
day we were enlivened by the arrival of
Henry C. Wright, who is going to stay in this
region till Tuesday next & then he goes
to Canterbury. I was invited to take tea
at John Bailey's with ^{his} last night - He
lectured in the evening at the old
Unitarian meeting-house & had a
very respectable audience. To-night he
lectures again in the Universalist House
Spear the minister being brother to the
Sandy Bay Spear. Clothier Gifford, the Fair-
haven abolitionist, called at John Bailey's

D.R.

send your
letter strong
just a dash of
way under.

& upon my being introduced declared
that I was not I. Why said he I had
a long talk with Miss Weston, Chris-
-mans sister, at the Bristol meeting
& this is not she. Why she was an old
woman. Upon farther examination
it appeared that Chris Bird of Tarrington
was the person he mistook for me & as
some one had said that Maria was her
older sister, he could not get the idea
of age out of his head. Why Chris C. must
be a great deal older than you are persisted
he; and upon being promptly assured
all round of her youth & beauty why said
he I thought a person must be old to
write as well as she does. H. C. Wright wanted
me to write to Maria about the petitioning
which he is dreadful afraid will get
into the hands of the feelers. I told him
what the board had done, but he still
wished me to write, for the ground he
says must be taken immediately -
I am going to write to Maria Monday
but I mention it to you, so that when
you write you can tell me if any
thing has been done. John Bailey has been
trying very hard to get a 4th of July orator
but thus far he has not succeeded very
well. There is some prospect of William R.
Chapman, but if he comes I understand
he must be disengaged from some other
place, so it is very doubtful if we get any today

Be sure to write by whoever comes. I forget
that you are in Dorchester & can only act
in a Boston capacity Saturday & Sunday -
Do write to me very soon & tell Caroline to
write - particularly how Right & Wrong
is getting on I feel very anxious about it.
I hope Caroline feels the responsibility of
having the proof sheets thoroughly criticised,
in respect to accuracy I mean. I should
like to have Dr Harrisworth see it, for I
think he would be as acute as Amos
Phelps in picking any flaws that may
have crept in. Was Rodney French's letter
what Maria wanted & expected. Tell
me what Rodney said when you write.

You will be happy to hear that my
labours have not been in vain in
regard to Abby - next week she is to be
emancipated - that is she is to leave her
present place & go to Mr Beane's. I repre-
sented the case in so forcible a manner
to Abby's sisters, that they bestirred themselves
immediately and amongst other
things they wrote to Sammel, who wrote
to Abby saying he felt very uneasy &
distressed about her, that she must take
my advice & if I said leave, let her
do it forthwith - Sam has ~~the~~ more
sense than I gave him credit for -
I am afraid you do not see the cross
ab. by don't know what ugly little tigs
Eliza has. Her article upon the Ab. H. meeting

was particularly vicious. The Emancipator published Garrison's letter last week, but Leavitt felt better bad about it - I think the Liberator comes let me be thankful to night? I am in an easy to see if any notice will be taken of M. Mary S. Parker & Co. I am very uneasy about Grandma & long to be at Weymouth - very soon - I

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George C. W. Wilder Esquire

Dorchester.

Mass.

Single



be situate as you are where I can go home every saturday if I have a mind to. I have got all off the notion of having business take my leave & I have a school here myself. If I once get a school here I shall feel pinned to stay. & it seems to me as if the money were not earned that could pay me for staying. Every thing here disgusts me. In short I ~~hate~~ hate

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